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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET-PDRY RELATIONS

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1. DURING JULY 2 MEETING, I INFORMED FONMIN ZAWAWI THAT EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET-PDRY RELATIONS (REFTEL). I DEFERRED TO HIS JUDGMENT ON WHETHER TO SEEK AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN QABOOS (WHO IS IN SALALAH) OR TO RELAY INFO THROUGH HIM. ZAWAWI DECIDED HE WOULD CHECK FIRST WITH SULTAN AFTER WHICH HE WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY.

2. IN MEANTIME, BASED ON ENSUING CONVERSATION, ZAWAWI MADE CLEAR THAT MOST CRITICAL AND USEFUL INFORMATION SO FAR AS OMANIS ARE CONCERNED WOULD BE SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE REGARDING TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF SOVIET WEAPONS PROVIDED TO PDRY. ZAWAWI SEEMED TO HAVE SOME DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER PDRY IS NOW IN POSSESSION OF SAM MISSILES. (COMMANDER OF SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES IS QUITE POSITIVE THEY DO--MUSCAT 646-NOTAL.) ACCORDINGLY, I PROMISED QUERY DEPARTMENT SINCE REFTEL CONTAINED ONLY GENERAL INFO (PARA 7) ON THIS POINT.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WHETHER TOPIC FURTHER DISCUSSED WITH
ZAWAWI OR PRESENTED DIRECTLY TO SULTAN, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
HAVE ANY PRECISE INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING SOVIET ARMS
SHIPMENT TO PDRY.
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